

House Resolution 624

By: Representative Willard of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Department of State to seek the release of Xuefei Zhou, the wife
2 of a Georgia resident, imprisoned by the Chinese government for the practice of Falun Gong;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on July 20, 1999, President Jiang Zemin of the People's Republic of China
5 officially banned the practice of Falun Gong in China and initiated a brutal persecution
6 campaign that has included the murder of hundreds of practitioners and the imprisonment
7 and torture of tens of thousands during the past two years; and

8 WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners value Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance and seek
9 to incorporate these principles into their lives to improve their mind, body, and spirit; and

10 WHEREAS, United States citizens and permanent resident aliens have been subjected to
11 arbitrary detention, imprisonment, and torture in the People's Republic of China and the U.S.
12 Congress unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolution 188 urging the release of
13 practitioners and calling for investigation by the United States government; and

14 WHEREAS, Xuefei Zhou, the wife of Sam Lu of Smyrna, Georgia, is among the detained
15 practitioners and has been tortured in a Chinese labor camp for more than two years; and

16 WHEREAS, the brutal oppression of peaceful practitioners of Falun Gong is a blatant
17 violation of human rights and appropriate action by the United States government is urged.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body urge the United States Department of State to seek the release of
20 Xuefei Zhou, imprisoned by the Chinese government for the practice of Falun Gong and to
21 appropriately address this blatant violation of human rights.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States
3 House of Representatives and each member of the Georgia congressional delegation and to
4 the U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell.